HARRISON CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 01 FEBRUARY 2022

Prior to roll call, the Pledge of Allegiance was said and Pastor Jason Hannon of NewSong Church offered the invocation.

The meeting opened with Roll Call at 7:31pm.

Council met in regular session with Mayor Bill Neyer presiding. Members present included: Ms. Lexis Dole, Mr. Tony Egner, Mr. Ryan Grubbs, Mr. Mike Mains, Mr. Ryan Samuels, Mrs. Jean Wilson and Mr. Jerry Wilson.

Mr. Grubbs made a motion, seconded by Ms. Dole, to approve the Council Meeting minutes from January 18, 2022. **Roll Call: Grubbs, Samuels, Dole, Mains, Wilson, Wilson – yea, Egner - abstained.**

Invited Guests and Visitors

Hamilton County Drug Abuse Reduction Task Force (DART) Commander Robert Browder presented Detective Corporal Chris MacMurdo an Award for 9 years of service with DART.

Business - None

Mayor's Report

Mayor Neyer warned residents about the impeding weather of ice and snow. He reminded them to be cautious and careful on the roads.

<u>Law Director's Report</u> - Mr. Deters had no report.

Council – Committee Reports

Mr. Wilson

<u>Sewer Committee:</u> Mr. Wilson reported the water softener plant is looking at a June 1st start and residents are reminded to turn down their home water softeners. The March water bills will have a rate increase. A rubber roof has been installed on the sewer plant.

Mr. Egner - Mr. Egner had no reports.

Mr. Grubbs

Mr. Grubbs reminded residents to watch for snow plows and try to stay off the streets so the street crew can do its job. You can get up to date weather alerts on the HC Alert app. The City is having a Covid vaccination clinic at Harrison Junior School on February 5th 10-4pm for ages 16 and up. All 3 types of shots are available and bring your vaccination card.

Mr. Samuels

<u>Finance Committee:</u> Mr. Samuels reported the Committee met and LGS is almost finished with the reconciliation for the 2020 audit. They are beginning the process for the 2021 audit. The OWDA board has approved the bond refinance. The police department will be purchasing a new vehicle. The City will be moving excess cash to the State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio (STAR Ohio) to reap a bit more interest. They will be meeting with the

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Township to discuss shared Community Center costs. The next meeting is February 22nd.

<u>Police Committee:</u> Mr. Samuels reported 1860 Taproom will give February proceeds of its Community tap to the Police Department.

Ms. Dole

<u>Social Media Committee</u>: Ms. Dole reported the Committee met today. Last year the City reached 140,000 people on Facebook and 110,000 through Twitter. They are merging the Recreation Facebook page with the City's Facebook page. ICRC is working on a City video.

<u>IT Committee</u>: Ms. Dole reported the Committee met today. BSNA will be here is April for the final Utility Conversion. They are also looking at audio visual upgrades for Council Chambers and conference rooms.

<u>Tree Board:</u> Ms. Dole reported the Board met. Some of the items discussed were all trees are finally planted for Make a Difference Day and the upcoming Arbor Day events. The next meeting is March 22nd.

Ms. Dole met with Dale Maris of the Convention of States for an update. You can learn more about their cause at conventionfostates.com.

Ms. Dole reported the next Recreation Commission meeting is February 9th at 7pm and the Senior Center Committee meeting is March 1st.

Mr. Mains

<u>Economic Development Committee:</u> The Committee met this evening and Mr. Mains reported the Whitewater Marketplace development going across for Kroger should have leases signed by spring. The Hillwood development should break ground this spring and are in negotiations with a tenant. The new Starbucks should open this summer. Harbor Freight Tools is going in next to Big Lots. We now have a 2nd Dollar Tree location. Several new businesses will be opening in the District.

<u>Street Committee</u>: Mr. Mains reported the Committee met this evening and Park Avenue repaving is in the design phase and should take place in late summer. The City will be meeting with the County to discuss the Dry Fork Road overpass. Improvements to Harrison Avenue from West to New Haven should start in August.

Mrs. Wilson

Mrs. Wilson attended the Police SRO utility vehicle dedication.

There being no further business, Mr. Grubbs made a motion, seconded by Mr. Samuels to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call: All – yea.

William Neyer, Mayor

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